

**Introduced by Senator Liu**

March 3, 2010

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Senate Resolution No. 37—Relative to Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week.

1 WHEREAS, Multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often  
2 disabling disease of the central nervous system, that interrupts the  
3 flow of information between the brain and the body and stops  
4 people from moving; and  
5 WHEREAS, Symptoms of MS range from numbness and  
6 tingling, to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity, and  
7 specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be  
8 predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us  
9 closer to a world free of MS; and  
10 WHEREAS, Every hour in the United States someone is  
11 diagnosed with MS; and  
12 WHEREAS, MS generally strikes young adults between the  
13 ages of 20 and 50, attacking people in the prime of their lives, and  
14 affecting more than 400,000 people nationwide; and  
15 WHEREAS, The Southern California Chapter of the National  
16 Multiple Sclerosis Society reports that within California,  
17 approximately 44,000 people live with MS; and  
18 WHEREAS, The Southern California Chapter of the National  
19 Multiple Sclerosis Society has been committed to mobilizing  
20 people statewide to do something about MS now, and is currently  
21 planning several major local fundraisers and educational programs  
22 to raise MS awareness, enhance the lives of those with MS, and  
23 invest in research toward a cause and a cure, including Walk MS  
24 events scheduled in April 2010 in locations throughout Southern  
25 California; now, therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate  
2 of the State of California hereby proclaims March 8 through March  
3 14, 2010, as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week, recognizes the  
4 importance of a world free of MS, encourages the citizens of the  
5 state to help move us closer to a world free of MS, and expresses  
6 its appreciation and admiration for the major work done by the  
7 Southern California Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis  
8 Society to heighten MS awareness; and be it further  
9     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
10 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.